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Admiral Stansfield Turner Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Stan:

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Late last week several elements of the Department of Defense separately received from a draft paper for PRM 11 - Task 2. This paper came as something of a surprise, since it was our understanding that the conclusion reached at the last meeting of the Task 2 SCC Subcommittee, held on April 1, was that further guidance on the Task 2 effort would be necessary and we were unaware that any had been provided. In any event, I think you will appreciate that when, 27 days after that Subcommittee meeting, a 116-page draft is circulated with only a 6-day response time, there is some cause for concern about whether a balanced and useful document can result.

Further, an examination of pp. 50-60 of the latest draft indicates that those pages substantially repeat the draft on "Issue No. 1" prepared by the IC staff for discussion at the April meeting. At 'that meeting DOD presented in writing its comments on that draft. These comments are not reflected or acknowledged in the I16-page paper.

Finally, PRM 11 - Task 2 speaks of the role of the DCI, but as I believe was indicated at the April I meeting and as I think you would agree, the role of the DCI cannot be meaningfully discussed without also discussing the role of the Defense Department. The draft is fundamentally deficient in this regard. Subject to this comment, we are separately providing to the collated preliminary comments of the Pentagon addressees. Given more time we may be able to reduce the scope of these comments; however, we think that in any event, 116 pages is much too long for the Task 2 section of the response. I suggest that an intra-agency drafting team be convened to further work on the Task 2 paper.

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Sincerely,

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